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**RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION MAILED MAY 23, 2006**

Commissioner:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 23, 2006, the applicants submit the following amendments and remarks. The amendments are made merely to expedite prosecution of the present patent application and are made without disclaimer of any subject matter, without prejudice to future prosecution, and without presumption that the actions are taken for any reason related to patentability. A petition for an extension of time accompanies this response.